



2012 Texas TOPS State Recognition Days

DENIM, DIAMONDS & LACE

April 13th and 14th

Addison, Texas

We are inviting all you **DIAMONDS** to attend Texas State Recognition Days, to celebrate your 2011 accomplishments. This down home spectacular convention will have something of interest for everyone, and **all** sessions, seminars, and activities will be held at the InterContinental Hotel in Addison, Texas on the north side of Dallas. Information on making reservations is located on the registration page.

Our theme of “InVest in TOPS” is to promote chapters to create or re-instate the wearing of chapter vests at TOPS events. Many of you have kept this tradition alive for many years and some of you are now creating these one of a kind vests for your own chapters. We are going to have a Scavenger Hunt beginning Thursday, which will be picked up with your packet. All correct entries will be entered into a drawing for a fabulous prize. You will have Thursday evening and all day Friday to ‘find’ the vests listed on the scavenger hunt. To get your chapter’s vest entered as one to be looked for, please email a picture of the front and back to your Coordinator or Area Captain. We can’t wait to see what you have created.

Beginning Thursday evening (April 12th), from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., registration packets will be available for pre-registered members. Look for signs near the hotel registration desk for the exact location.



You can also pick up your pre-ordered promo items after you pick up your registration packets.

Our Promo Room will be open for the shopping enthusiasts from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and again on Friday during posted times. Our Hospitality Room will have a lot of fun and interesting information and TOPS talent on display. Thursday evening we will have a good time line dancing and Friday evening we will have a Sock Hop and Karaoke.

We want to showcase your talents in our ‘TOPS Got Talent’ category which is open to performing arts and your talents such as painting, knitting, canning, crochet, craft work and anything else you create. We would like to have the performing acts to provide entertainment at the Friday evening session or in the Hospitality Room. This will depend on how many of you want to share your talent on the big stage! We will also have your handmade items displayed so that your fellow members can see for themselves how creative and talented you are.



As we begin Friday morning at 8:00 am, you will have the opportunity to start your day with exercise and then plan on attending as many of the seminars as possible. We have the following speakers lined up for you: Bev Staniak (our Regional Director), Gina Brueske (TOPS Board of Directors and Retreat Registrar), Kathryn Walker (Diabetes Educator from The Diabetes Education Center), and panel presentations on “How to be a Successful Loser” and “How to Put Into Action Anything you Want”.

Preparations for your arrival are in full swing. FYI – Addison, TX is a small ‘suburb’ known for its entertainment and culinary establishments and has more restaurants per capita than anywhere in the country. It is a tourist friendly area, where one can see people walking from place to place. There is even a Walmart in walking distance of the hotel. Outdoor parking at the hotel is at no charge. You are welcome to unload at the front door and then park your vehicle. If you want to park in the garage, there is a \$12 per day charge, with no in-and-out. Our weather here in April is generally warm and sunny, but rain showers do pop up. As always, bring a sweater if you are cold-natured as the air conditioning will be on.

TEXAS SRD 2012 GENERAL SESSIONS

FRIDAY, 7 P.M.	SATURDAY, 9:00 A.M.	SATURDAY, 6:00 P.M.
Family in TOPS Parade***	2011 Chapter Leaders, Kings, & Queens Parade***	KOPS Graduation Ceremony***
Before & After Parade***	SRD Greatest Improvement & KOPS Charm & Beauty Winners	KOPS Longevity Awards***
SRD Contest Awards – Chapter Diamond, Decorated Boot, Blue Jeans, Name Tag	Century Award Alumni and new Inductees***	KOPS of Long Standing Parade***
TOPS Got Talent	State Division Winners	2011 State Queen and King Crowning
2013 SRD Invitation	Presentation of Past Royalty ***	Circle of Light

***** Pre-registration required – see enclosed “Special Events Registration Form”**

FAMILY IN TOPS PARADE : We have many family members in TOPS and want everyone else to see this group of members. Must have at least two to parade, and you do not even have to be in the same chapter! Please check the box on the ‘Special Even Registration’ form so we have an idea of how many will be participating.

BEFORE & AFTER PARADE : All TOPS and KOPS with a loss of 50 lbs or more, are invited to participate in the Before and After Parade. Participants must pre-register using the Special Events Participation Form AND submit BEFORE picture. Please bring a ‘Before’ outfit to hold in front of yourself during the parade. You are the model for AFTER. Further instructions will be given when you pick up your packet. Dress code: Ladies- pants & top, dress, or skirt & blouse. Men: Slacks with shirt or suit You are to have fun showing off the new you.

It is most impressive to see you in your “before” picture on the media screens in the ballroom. However, in order to have time to process these pictures for displays, the deadlines must be strictly met. There will be no exceptions. They can be emailed to Cindy Moore at Coord452@tx.rr.com if you’d like.

CHAPTER DIAMOND : ONLY FOR CHAPTERS ATTENDING SRD. Do you have someone special to your chapter Someone who shines and inspires others? Please vote by secret ballot for your “Diamond”. Have two members count the votes and then fill out the enclosed form and send to the address listed on the form by **March 1, 2012**. An envelope containing the name of your chapter’s Diamond, along with a special charm will be placed in your chapter representative’s packet. If not present, the award can be presented later at your chapter.

TOPS Got Talent

Here is your chance to showcase your talent, whether it is a performing talent or a hand crafted talent. For the performers – we want you to be our entertainment on stage Friday evening or in the Hospitality Room, depending on how many entries are received. Performing acts must not exceed 5 minutes. Video your performance and send either via email, post on youtube.com, or mail a video to the person listed on the sign up form. For the hand crafted talents – we would like for you to bring a sample of your craft, display it in the hospitality room with a business card.

DECORATED BOOTS, JEANS AND NAME TAGS - The boot can be any size and when decorated no taller than 24 inches. The jeans are an infant size 12 month OR a piece of denim cut out using the enclosed pattern. The 'Name Tags' must be less than 4" x 6". These will be displayed on the 2nd floor foyer of the Crystal Ballrooms on tables. Please indicate your chapter number and name only on the **bottom** of the creation. (Example: TOPS #TX 1234, City) Must be turned in by 2:00 PM on Friday in the Hospitality Room, 2nd floor, Crystal Ballroom VIII.

DRESS CODE APPLIES TO EVERYONE
BEING RECOGNIZED ON STAGE.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE ARE DIFFERENT THAN EVER BEFORE!!!

"Semi-Formal". This means that **DRESSY pant suits, street length dresses, palazzo pants or long dresses** will now be acceptable on-stage attire. This also means **nothing above the knee** and not slacks or jeans and a casual top – it means dressy pant suits. Ladies, if we can see your knees, you will be asked not to parade.

GRADUATES – We do request long white dresses (with the bottom being no more than 12" from the floor) for the ladies and for the men, suit or sports jacket/slacks/tie.

CENTURY Award and Alumni. This recognition is for anyone who has received a Century Medallion and maintained that weight loss or will be recognized as having completed the 52 week validation period. Please bring your medallions with you. If you have not received your award yet, please contact your Coordinator. Participants must pre-register using the enclosed **Special Events Participation Form**. You will receive additional instructions upon checking in at SRD.

STATE ROYALTY, STATE DIVISION WINNERS, AND STATE CONTEST WINNERS
(GREATEST IMPROVEMENT, KOPS CHARM AND BEAUTY) will receive personal notification letters from the SRD Committee, and any other additional information upon checking in at SRD.

2011 CHAPTER LEADERS, KINGS AND QUEENS PARADE Participants must pre-register using the enclosed **Special Events Participation Form**. Chapter royalty may wear tiara/crown. You will receive additional instructions upon checking in at SRD.

KOPS who will **GRADUATE** at SRD or participate in the **KOPS of LONG STANDING** parade will receive instructions upon checking in at SRD. Please pre-register using the enclosed **Special Events Participation Form**.

KOPS LONGEVITY RECOGNITION KOPS being recognized for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of **CONSECUTIVE** KOPS status. Please pre-register using the enclosed **Special Events Participation Form** and follow the dress code in order to participate. Awards are sent to you from Headquarters or to your Leader, they are not presented at SRD. You will receive additional instructions upon checking in at the confirmation table at SRD.

Enter the Greatest Improvement and KOPS Charm and Beauty Contests!

We have added a category for Family Members and changed the age groups for all contests.

EVERYONE is eligible to enter. Please request the entry form from your Area Captain or Coordinator, or download from topswonders.com/Texas

~DEADLINE TO ENTER- March 1, 2012~

DENIM, DIAMONDS AND LACE ACTIVITIES

All events and activities are being held at the INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL. Look for the signs and hostesses in the first floor lobby. Additional information will be available upon check in.

REGISTRATION PICK-UP & CONFIRMATION CHECK IN: CRYSTAL BALLROOM FOYER
Open Thursday 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Open Friday 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

PROMO ROOM – Name Badge required for entry – LALIQUE BALLROOM
Open Thursday 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Open Friday 9-11 am and 3-6 pm

Hospitality Room – opens Thursday at 7:00 pm and Friday after session. Crystal VII and VIII – There will be an area set up for ‘posed’ pictures in this room also

FRIDAY: All of the below are in Crystal Ballroom I-V, unless otherwise noted

8:00 AM	Time to Exercise!!!
9:00 AM	LOOP MEETING – Crystal Ballroom VI
10:00 AM	Retreat Open House
11:00 AM	Guest Speaker – Gina Brueske, TOPS Board of Directors
1:00 PM	Men’s Meeting – Crystal Ballroom VI
1:00 PM	Dress for Less Fashion Show
2:00 PM	Our very own Regional Director, Bev Staniak
3:00 PM	How to be a Successful Loser
3:00 PM	KOPS Konnection – Crystal Ballroom VII and VIII
7:00 PM	First General Session
After Session – TOPS Sock Hop and Karaoke – Crystal Ballroom VII-VIII	

LOOP Meeting – For those that are active on any of the TOPS related chatrooms and any that are interested in finding out more about these.

RETREAT OPEN HOUSE: What a great time to renew and relive that special time you shared with other Retreatants or learn what the TOPS Retreat program is all about! Texas will be hosting a MEN and a WOMEN’s retreat in 2012, in Denton, TX. Please take this time to ask any questions you may have about TOPS Retreats.

MEN’S MEETING If you plan to attend, please indicate your desire to do so by checking the appropriate box on the enclosed ***Special Events Registration Form.***

KOPS KONNECTION: Open to all KOPS! Enjoy a special time together with KOPS and Honor Society Members throughout Texas. If you plan to attend, please indicate your desire to do so by checking the appropriate box on your copy the ***Special Events Registration Form.***

SATURDAY:	9:00 AM – Second General Session, Crystal I-V
	1:30 PM – How to get the most from the Internet Crystal VII-VIII
	1:30 PM - How to Put into Action Anything You Want Crystal I-V
	3:00 PM – Nutritionist Kathryn Walker, Diabetes Educator Crystal I-V
	6:00 PM – Third General Session Crystal VII-VIII

Special Note in regards to taking photos during session –

We have secured the services of a professional photographer. Due to a recent accident at a TOPS function where a member's camera exploded in another member's face, absolutely no one will be allowed to take photos during the sessions. Please plan to take your photos before or after sessions or take advantage of the decorated set in the Hospitality room .

Promo Room

Items handcrafted by TOPS members are always a big seller in the Promotion Room. If your chapter or any of your members would like to send items, or make a monetary donation to our 2012 SRD, please price and send donated items directly to address below **no later than March 20th**. For any monetary donations, indicate "Promo Room Donation" on the memo line of your check and make payable to Texas TOPS SRD. Please include your name and return address so that we may respond to having received your donations.

Mail directly to: Cindy Moore 13636 Janwood Dallas, TX 75234

TOPS GOT TALENT Entry Form

_____ I will be bringing a sample of _____ to be displayed at SRD. I will provide my contact information on a 3x5 notecard, which will be displayed with my craft. My chapter is

TX _____ and I can be contacted at _____.

My name is _____.

_____ I (We) would like to perform at SRD. My (our) talent is _____.

I will _____ post a video on youtube.com or _____ send a video via email or _____ mail a video.

Contact information: Name _____ phone _____

email _____. I (we) realize that we may be performing either on stage or in the hospitality room.

Send info and videos to: Linda Arrington, 1102 E 4th St, Fort Worth, TX 76102 phone 817.821.6778 and email azlelin112@gmail.com

Cut apart and mail your ballot for CHAPTER DIAMOND to address given on form

Must have someone from chapter present at SRD to Enter. No awards will be mailed.

CHAPTER DIAMOND Recognition

Deadline: March 1, 2012

Mail to: Clara Gleghorn, 3515 W Louisiana Ave., Midland, TX 79703

Chapter #TX _____, _____ Coordinator: _____

Our Chapter DIAMOND is: _____

***If there is a tie, please hold a tie-breaker. Send in only one name.**

Note: Award will be placed in your chapter representative's packet and they will be recognized during the Friday Night Session. If DIAMOND is not present, the award can be presented later at your chapter.